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INS Removes Mexican National for Attempting to Board Flight at Midway with Boxcutters

CHICAGO, IL. – December 23, 2002. The Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) removed a Mexican national from the United States who had attempted to board an aircraft at Midway airport with a weapon. **Troy Garcia-Sanchez**, age 22, an illegal alien from Mexico who resided at 4545 S. Wolcott in Chicago, was removed from the United States today on a JPATS (Justice Prisoner Air Transport System) flight. He is being removed to Mexico. He had entered the United States illegally in May 2001 near San Ysidro, California.

On November 29, 2002, **Garcia-Sanchez** attempted to board an airplane at Midway Airport while in the possession of three boxcutters. On December 4, 2002 **Garcia-Sanchez** was convicted of the misdemeanor offense of attempting to board an aircraft with a weapon and sentenced to 30 days in prison in the Cook County Correctional Center. During his incarceration the INS placed a detainer on **Garcia-Sanchez** to ensure that he would be turned over to the custody of INS after serving his criminal sentence.

“The INS is working hard to take criminals off the streets of our cities,” said INS District Director Brian R. Perryman. “Any non-citizen who threatens our flying public by trying to get on an airplane with a weapon is someone that the INS will quickly and expeditiously remove from the United States.”

During the past fiscal year ending on September 30, 2002, the INS Chicago District Office removed a total of 3,016 aliens from the United States, of which 2,234 were criminals.

NOTE: The INS Office has a photo available of Garcia-Sanchez.

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